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STATES : RULERS OF MERGED STATES : PERSONAL PRIVILEGES :
REVISED MEMORANDUM : RECORDED.

No.F.118-P/49.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of States.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Dated, New Delhi, the 24th August 1949.

Subject: MEMORANDUM ON THE PERSONAL PRIVILEGES OF THE RULERS of the States that have either merged in Provinces or have combined to form Unions of States.

Referece: Ministry of States Letter No.F.118-P/49 dated July 21, 1949 to the Premiers of Madras, etc.

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Sir,

In continuation of the letter quoted above, I am directed to enclose for your information and guidance a copy of the "Memorandum on the personal Privileges of the Rulers of the Merged and integrated States".

2. The question of laying down a scale of Palace Guards, vide paragraph 4 of the Memorandum enclosed, has been examined in the Ministry of States and it has been considered advisable to lay down only the general principles which should govern the scale and to leave it to the local Governments concerned to fix the scale according to the requirements of each case. Those principles are as follows:-

(i) The Rulers have been guaratsed the priveleges which they enjoyed before the integration of their states. It follows that only those Rulers who maintained palace Guards will be entitled to the continuance of this privilege. Provision of Guards at the residence of the Rulers, who did not maintain them in the past, is therefore, not necessary.

(ii) The strength of the guards should not exceed the number employed by the Rulers before integration.

(iii) The scale should be fixed with due regard to (a) the resources of the State at the time of its merger and (b) the twin purpose of maintaining the dignity and status of the Ruler and providing protection to him.

(iv) The fact, that a Ruler resides at a place where guards cannot be posted without some administrative inconvenience, should not be taken as sufficient reason for not providing guards. In exceptional cases, however, where such arrangements might entail serious administrative difficulties, reasonable funds may be placed at the disposal of the Ruler concerned to enable him to make his own arrangements.

3. The Rulers of the States which maintained armed forces as their Palace Guards have been anxious that the guards posted at their palaces should be drawn from the Regular forces. Subject to the essential requirements of defence and intenral security, so far as possible, the wishes of the Rulers should be met in this respect.

4. Prompt disciplinary action should be taken against Palace Guards for derelection of duty. Whenever a Ruler suggests the removal of any guard posted at the Palace immediate replacements should be ordered as a matter of course. Whenever a Ruler has a complaint in respect of the conduct of the Palace Guards, it should be promptly looked into by a Gazetted Officer and a report sent to the Chief Secretary to the Government; the Chief Secretary in turn should keep the Minister in charge informed

of all complaints received from Rulers and the results of the investigations.

5. A copy of the Memorandum has been sent to all the Rulers direct.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/.....
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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STATES - Rulers of Merged States - Personal Privileges - Revised Memorandum - Recorded.

Public (Political) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 3455 Dated, the 11th October 1949

READ - the following:-

Memorandum No.47644-2-Pub.(Pol) dated 13th December 1948 From the Government of India, Ministry of States, No.F. 118-P/49 dated the 24th August 1949.

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

K. RAMUNNI MENON
Chief Secretary to Government.

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To the Collectors of Tiruchirappalli, Kurnool, Bellary.
To the Home Department.
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Office Assistant
Madras Record Office, Egmore.